



## **West Virginia Senate**

### **Committee on Health and Human Resources**

**Minutes for MARCH 18, 2021, 1:00 PM**

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources met on March 18, 2021, 1:00 PM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Maroney, Grady, Azinger, Roberts, Rucker, Weld, Woodrum, Lindsay, Plymale, Stollings

Members absent: Senators Stover, Takubo

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Grady, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

#### **SB551 – Revising forms of living will, medical power of attorney, and combined medical power of attorney and living will**

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources, who presented Senate Bill 551 revising forms of living will, medical power of attorney, and combined medical power of attorney and living will. Senator Grady moved to agree to the language of the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 551 explained by counsel. The Chairman put the question on the motion and it was adopted. Chairman Maroney recognized Senator Grady who moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 551 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion. The motion was adopted.

#### **SB590 – Removing restriction preventing medical marijuana from being in edible form**

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources, who presented Senate Bill 590 removing restriction preventing medical marijuana from being in edible form. Counsel responded to questions from the Committee. Senator Azinger addressed the Committee in opposition to the bill. Senator Weld moved to amend Senate Bill 590 to provide that the edible form would not resemble shapes/images of fruit, humans or animals or any other shape or image that may entice children. Senators Stollings and Lindsay asked questions of Senator Weld regarding his proposed amendment. The Chairman put the question on the motion and the amendment was adopted. The Chairman requests that a Committee Substitute be prepared to incorporate the amendment. Senator Grady moved to agree to the language of the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 590. The Chairman put the question on the motion and it was adopted. Chairman Maroney recognized Senator Grady who moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 590 be reported to the full Senate with the

recommendation that it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion. The motion was adopted.

**SB644 – Exempting certain persons pursuing degree in speech pathology and audiology from license requirements**

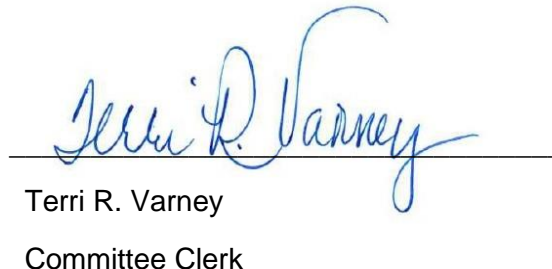
Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, Counsel, Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources, who presented Senate Bill 644 exempting certain persons pursuing degree in speech pathology and audiology from license requirements. Counsel responded to questions from the Committee. Senator Weld addressed the Committee as lead sponsor of the bill and responded to questions from Senators Stollings and Lindsay. Senator Plymale addressed the Committee about his concerns as to how this bill would affect other institutions and their speech pathology and audiology programs. Counsel agreed to contact other institutions, including Marshall University, to inquire if this bill would negatively affect their speech pathology and audiology programs.

Chairman Maroney recognized Senator Grady who moved that Senate Bill 644 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion. The motion was adopted.

There being no further business, the Committee was adjourned on Motion of Senator Grady.



Michael J. Maroney  
Chairman



Terri R. Varney  
Committee Clerk